

## TEACHERS READY TO FORM UNION

High School Pedagogues Take Final Steps Leading to Permanent Organization.

### MASS MEETING MAY 4

Grade Teachers May Form Similar Organization—Membership in Union Doubles.

Final steps leading to the permanent organization of a union of high school teachers were taken yesterday with the appointment of a committee to draw up a constitution and the discussion of plans pertaining to membership restrictions. The meeting, the first organization session, was held in Central High School.

It was announced by the temporary chairman, L. V. Lampson, that the membership practically had doubled since the call announcing the meeting had been issued. Forty-eight teachers had signed the call as the first prospective members, while nearly an equal number since have sent in membership applications or declared an intention of so doing.

It is expected impetus will be given the union plans, perhaps even to influencing graded teachers to form a like organization, at a mass meeting of all classes of teachers in the public schools on May 4. The meeting will be held in Central High School. Assistant Secretary of Labor Louis F. Post and prominent labor men have been asked to address the meeting.

**Grade Teachers May Organize.**  
That a union of grade teachers is likely to be formed is believed from the interest many have shown in the high school teachers' organization, several of whom have applied for membership. At the meeting yesterday a resolution was adopted opposing the acceptance of grade teachers as members and urging them to organize and affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, as the union now forming intends to do. Whether normal school teachers will be accepted as members was referred to the constitution committee, which is to report the question to the full membership for final action.

The constitution committee was appointed as follows: W. J. Wallis, president of the High School Teachers' Association, chairman; A. A. Doolittle, Miss Emily F. Sleman, Roy C. Claffin, Joseph Wilson, George R. Devitt, Ruben Fink, and L. V. Lampson, members ex-officio. The committee will meet Tuesday in Central High School.

Teachers who have joined the movement are: G. J. Jones, L. V. Lampson, Susanne C. Ulrich, H. H. Burroughs, E. S. Noyes, Rene Samson, Sarah E. Simons, Nora Hoegelsberger, Catherine A. McAvoy, Edith C. Paul, Emily F. Sleman, Mark E. Finley, Jr., J. J. Thomas, A. A. Doolittle, A. W. Belmont, Mary Weddell, Janet L. Ditto, William A. Hedrick, Sarah M. Farr, A. W. Spanbood, Marie H. Siebert, Estelle Fenno, Ellen Golden, Elizabeth R. Walton, W. F. Dales, M. Ella Morgan, G. S. Edelen, Laura D. Shackelford, Ruth Rizer, Christina Wright, Sara P. Lynch, Marielle Dellatre, Jessie E. Baker, H. P. Hoover, Mary B. Evans, Clem W. Orr, Helen N. Gary, Martha E. Clarke, Louise Robbins, George A. Ross, Edna A. Clarke, Anna McCollm, Genevieve Marsh, W. J. Wallis, Lilly A. Chester, Rosalie Robinson, Robert A. Maurer, Alvin W. Miller, W. E. Priest, E. P. Noble, C. W. Rippey, J. N. Wilson, A. B. Piggot, LeRoy Birch, R. C. Claffin, O. Sangstad, K. DeLand, B. Birtwell, E. M. Calhoun, W. C. Myers, H. S. Ellis, M. Clark, M. White, G. R. DeWitt, A. Deal, S. S. Catella, M. C. Gunther, K. C. Moore and M. V. Shipman.

### FUNERALS

Funeral services for Mrs. Catherine McElroy, who died on Wednesday, will be held at the home, 40 M street northwest, today at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore.

Funeral services for Mrs. Amanda M. Kinkle, who died on Wednesday, will be held today at 2 o'clock at the home, 648 A street northeast.

Funeral services for Mrs. Emily Lee Kagan, who died on Wednesday, will be held this morning at 11 o'clock at the Church of Our Father.

Funeral services for Helen Louise Shaw, who died on Wednesday in Providence Hospital, will be held today at 2 o'clock at St. Peter's Church. Interment will be private.

Funeral services for Lewis T. Ruffin who died on Tuesday at the home, 1815 Vermont avenue, will be held today at 1 o'clock at the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carter R. Braxton, who died on Tuesday at the home, 2134 Eleventh street northwest, will be held today at 1 o'clock at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church.

## FATIMA

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## AMBULANCE COLLIDES WITH AUTO DURING RUN

Casualty Hospital Vehicle Smashes Into Machine While Responding to Get Wounded Boy.

While responding to what was believed to be a shooting case, the Casualty ambulance yesterday afternoon collided with the automobile of Ollie Kahl at Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, damaging both machines. No one was injured.

Dr. H. H. Warner, in charge of the ambulance, said he was going south in Seventh street, bound for First street and Virginia avenue southwest, where Lewis Hawkins, 9-year-old colored boy, was lying with a wounded foot. Dr. Warner said he did not notice the speedometer, but said the siren could be heard three blocks ahead of the machine. Dr. Warner said that just as the am-

bulance reached the avenue, Kahl's machine, which was going east in the avenue, turned suddenly into Seventh street, making the collision unavoidable. Kahl, who, the police say, was driving his machine, lives at 202 Ninth street northwest.

### Gompers to Talk with Employees.

The executive committee of the Federal Employees' Union today will confer with President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, concerning the union's affiliation with the federation. The executive council of the federation will consider the union's affiliation at a meeting in June.

### Zeppelin Fleet Reported Sighted.

New York, April 20.—Depressed by ill health, Isaac Van Den Berg, of Baltimore, chairman of the board of the Gulf States Railroad, committed suicide by shooting himself today in the head in his room in the Hotel Manhattan.

## VACATION IN SCHOOLS TO LAST UNTIL MAY 1

Pupils Told of "Gardening Day" and Study Garden Schemes Before Spring Recess Is Taken.

Spring vacation in the public schools of the District begins today, the recess to last until May 1. Yesterday was observed as "gardening day" in all of the schools, while in some Easter exercises were held.

The observance of "gardening day" was at the direction of Superintendent of Schools E. L. Thurston, in whose communication to school officials the value of home gardens to the pupil, the family, and the community in general was emphasized.

Instruction in the planting and care of gardens was given while many schools visited nearby parks to study garden schemes. A special effort at ob-

serving the day was made in Business High School, where talks were made by Principal Allan Davis and Perry Cranford, of the school faculty. Pupils who discussed gardening were J. P. Wilke, Miss Lindsey, H. E. Hefner, Rommie Taylor and Charles P. Parker.

### ADDS TO EMBASSY GUARDS.

Maj. Pullman Details Another Policeman to Prevent Crank Violence.

Since the publication of President Wilson's final demand upon Germany on the submarine issue, Maj. Pullman has detailed an additional policeman to the German Embassy, on Massachusetts avenue terrace, as a precaution against crank violence.

Maj. Pullman said last night that while the embassies and legations of all the warring countries have been given special police protection for more than a year, another man had been sent to the German Embassy as an added precaution.

## ENGINEERING COMPANY DETAILED FOR CAMP

Capt. Emerson and 114 Men Will Go to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Tomorrow Morning.

Capt. T. H. Emerson will leave for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., tomorrow morning with 114 men of Company C, First Battalion, Engineer Corps, to remain throughout the summer at the business men's camp which will be opened there on May 2 and extend through August 2.

A portion of the cavalry detachment at Fort Myer, Va., will also be detailed for instruction at that camp. Company C is stationed at Washington Barracks. Capt. Emerson stated last evening that he had not heard that any of the men now at Fort Oglethorpe were to be dispatched for service in Mexico, declaring that so far as he knew they are to remain at that fort throughout the summer.

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